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Beirut announces withdrawal of Saudi ADF unit

BEIRUT, March 18 (AP) — Saudi Arabia has decided to pull out its 1,365-man contingent from the Arab Deterrent Force in Lebanon within 48 hours, the Lebanese government announced Sunday.

A government spokesman said a 2,500-man regular force of the newly-regrouped Lebanese Army will take over the Saudi-held positions in Beirut's eastern sector.

The Saudis originally decided to pull the contingent at the outbreak of a border war between South Yemen and North Yemen early this month.

King Khaled approved a delay

of withdrawal in response to pleas by Lebanon.

The Saudis moved into key positions in the eastern sector of the Lebanese capital last October to consolidate a ceasefire between Syrian forces of the deterrent force and Lebanon's right-wing militias.

Rightist spokesman said all their militias were put on alert Sunday to guard against what they call a possible Syrian attempt to take over the Saudi positions.

The Syrians form the bulk of the 30,000-man Arab League force that polices this country's 27-month-old civil war armistice.

Venezuela to raise oil prices April 1

CARACAS, March 18 (R) — Venezuela announced Sunday the price of its crude oil will rise by \$1.72 a barrel on April 1.

The figure is \$1.20 more than the increase decided by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) for the second quarter of 1979. Energy and Mines Minister Humberto Calderon Berti told a news conference.

OPEC agreed last December on a staggered 14.5 per cent increase in the price of crude oil over the whole of 1979. But prices have risen much faster since the disruption in Iranian exports caused by the political upheaval there.

Venezuela raised the price of its fuel oil, which accounts for 48 per cent of the country's oil exports, by 15 per cent on March 1.

Calderon also said the new Venezuelan government planned to expand the country's oil production capacity without actually increasing output substantially.

This would permit greater flexibility in production whenever there was an increase in world demand, said the 38-year-old oil expert, who was sworn in as energy minister on Monday when the new Christian Socialist government of President Luis Herr-

era Campino took power.

He said the country was now drawing 97 per cent of its daily production capacity of 2.4 million barrels a day to meet demands in the face of the disruption in Iranian production.

The plan was to raise this to 2.8 million barrels a day, with production at 85 per cent of capacity.

Referring to Venezuela's technological agreements with transnational oil companies, Calderon said: "The technological agreements run out this year under the present conditions they will be cancelled. In cases where it is considered necessary, these agreements will be entered into on a different basis."

He said Venezuela would negotiate a new system with the oil companies.

Calderon said Venezuela now sold 30 per cent of its oil directly to customers with the remaining 70 per cent going to traditional buyers, particularly through the companies who had concessions until oil nationalization in 1966.

He said Venezuela hoped to increase the volume of direct sales but would continue to be a firm and reliable supplier of traditional clients.

Khomeini calls on Iranians to salvage shattered economy

TEHRAN, March 18 (Agencies) — Ayatollah Khomeini has called on Iranians to start working to save the nation's bankrupt economy.

Khomeini made the appeal on Thursday in the holy city of Qom to a group of boy scouts and girl guides. His remarks were released for publication Sunday.

It was considered his first major address on the nation's economy, which has been paralyzed by strikes after the revolution which last month overthrew the monarchy of the Shah.

The 78-year-old religious leader said: "All people must immediately start working hard, saving the bankrupt economy and rebuild this slum."

His remarks reflected Prime Minister Mehdi Bazargan's concern over slow response to economic revival efforts and an attempt to get offices and factories operating again.

Khomeini urged young people to help the government build a strong economic infrastructure.

"Our difficulties are big ones. The Islamic government has many problems. You cannot expect the government to solve them all at once. Everyone must cooperate with the Islamic government," Khomeini said.

"Our economic system is bankrupt. We must help the economy in order to achieve a healthy financial status."

Khomeini's appeal closely fol-

lows Bazargan's desperate call to save the economy, which he says was completely broke three days after Khomeini's supporters took over the country on Feb. 12.

With most offices and factories struggling to get back on their feet, the national production level is nowhere near normal.

In a message to government employees and industrial workers, Bazargan called on them to pay more attention to work regulations and discipline.

Reports from provincial industrial centers indicated that most factories have not resumed work. The reasons range from unwilling workers to lack of raw materials to low market demand.

Factory managers have also complained that some workers

were still holding daily debates on politics and their rights.

The government said that the revolution has so far cost Iran \$20 billion, and the cost may even go higher if the economy isn't revived soon.

The only industry that has shown signs of revival is oil production, which is averaging about 2.5 million barrels a day with exports hitting 1.8 million barrels.

Meanwhile, Iran continued fresh moves toward normalcy and civil order Saturday, banning local Islamic revolutionary committees from entering private homes without special authorization.

The ban was imposed by Gen. Mehdi Hadavi, chief prosecutor of

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Arafat says Jordan visit successful, constructive

AMMAN, March 18 (SPA) — The chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) Yasser Arafat has said his visit to Jordan Saturday, during which he and King Hussein rejected the U.S.-sponsored peace moves between Egypt and Israel, was a success.

He said Arafat had a constructive meeting and one held at the appropriate time.

In an interview with the Jorda-

nian newspaper "Al Rai", Arafat said the results of his talks with Hussein will be apparent soon.

He said the meeting in Jordan had helped solidify Palestinian-Jordanian relations and contributed to their unified stand against the Zionist enemy.

King Hussein and Arafat agreed Saturday to resist attempts "to liquidate the rights of the Palestinians," and uphold the PLO as the representative of the Palestinians.

This came in a joint statement issued after a four-hour meeting between the two at a Jordanian air force base at Mafrag near the Syrian-Jordanian border.

Arafat returned to Damascus after the meeting, which came amidst intensified Arab efforts to face the consequences of the imminent signing of a separate peace between Egypt and Israel.

Hussein has rejected all attempts to have him join the Egyptian-Israeli peace negotiations.

The statement said Hussein and Arafat reaffirmed their intention to promote cooperation and coordination, to support the steadfastness of the Palestinian people against Israel's settlement policy, and resist attempts to establish an autonomous Palestinian state on Occupied Territory.

The two sides also expressed determination to work effectively to face present challenges within the framework of the resolutions taken at the Baghdad Arab Summit, last November.

These resolutions call for Arab sanctions against Egypt if it concludes a separate peace.

Arafat and Hussein agreed on the necessity of periodical meetings to strengthen relations and coordinate joint action, the statement added.

The texts included the treaty

itself as well as explanatory notes, annexes and a side letter dealing with Palestinian self-rule — a major obstacle in the negotiations.

The side letter provides for negotiations on Palestinian autonomy to start one month after the signing of the treaty and to end in one year so that elections can be held as soon as possible after agreement is reached.

The text, which Egypt said

were agreed during President Carter's recent mission to Jerusalem and Cairo, were issued to correspondents on the understanding they were not to be published. But they later appeared in the last editions of all Cairo newspapers.

Prince Minister Mustapha Khalil staunchly defended the package, already approved by the Egyptian and Israeli cabinets.

At a meeting Saturday of the ruling National Democratic Party, he said it was a step towards a comprehensive settlement. He declared the package had preserved rights of Palestinians for full autonomy on the West Bank

and the Gaza Strip, and did not constitute a separate peace.

The explanatory notes covered articles one, four, five and six of the proposed treaty. There was also an explanatory note to annex one of the treaty which covers military aspects of the pact such as Israeli withdrawal from Sinai.

The note to article one dealing with Israeli withdrawal stipulates that Egypt will exercise full sovereignty over Sinai immediately after it is evacuated by Israel.

The explanatory note to article four dealing with security arrangements binds each party to review them when necessary.

Egypt had objected that the treaty set no time limit for a review of security arrangements. But the explanatory note goes little further, merely binding each party to begin discussing a review within three months of a request by either side.

The explanatory note to the military annex — annex one —

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RALLY: Israelis waving a flag and lighting candles packed the Tel Aviv city hall plaza Saturday night to celebrate the peace agreement with Egypt and urge the Knesset to ratify the treaty. (AP Wirephoto)

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North Yemeni Chief of Staff Lt. Col. Ali Sheiba left Sanaa Sunday to continue normalization talks in Aden with his South Yemeni counterpart.

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Prince Faisal ibn Fahd Mecca to have sports stadium

RIYADH, March 18 (SPA) — Prince Faisal ibn Fahd, head of the General Presidency for Youth Welfare, Sunday signed a SR64.5 million contract for construction of a sporting club in Mecca.

A west Germany company was awarded the contract for the first phase of new facilities for the Al-Nadwa Club, whose soccer team is now lying third in the Premier Division table.

Under the contract, Al-Wefha is to have a 5,000-capacity football stadium. At present, the Mecca club must share the Jeddah stadium with Al-Ahli and Al-Ittihad, the two Premier Division teams in Jeddah. The club will also have a race track.

The prince also awarded an SR2.5 million contract to a firm of consultants to provide management supervision of the one-year construction project.

At awards ceremony Industrial self-sufficiency is vital target, Salman says

RIYADH, March 18 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia is moving toward the stage of industrial self-sufficiency.

Riyadh Governor Prince Salman said here Saturday evening.

Speaking at the awards ceremony for the King Khaled Model Factory Prize here, Prince Salman said Saudi Arabia "is now proceeding along the path to self-sufficiency."

"Saudi Arabia must have a reliable domestic industrial base," Prince Salman told the audience of prizewinners, government officials and the public. "That will encounter the consumer to move away from imported goods while at the same time meeting the country's requirements."

"Saudi Arabia's real wealth lies in this and in our national manpower, industry and agriculture," Prince Salman said.

The main King Khaled Prize was awarded to the National Automobile Industries (NAI), a Jeddah joint venture for the

Khaled cables

Irish president

RIYADH, March 18 (SPA) — King Khaled has cabled his congratulations to President Patrick Hillery of Ireland on St. Patrick's day, the Irish national day.

The prize is awarded annually to encourage high standards in manufacturing industries, which are being established at a considerable rate since the foundation of the Saudi Industrial Development Fund at the beginning of the Second Five-Year Plan in 1975. About 70 per cent of all Saudi industries have been opened in the last four years and licenses for a total of 1,300 by the end of the Plan have been issued. These licenses cover SR23 billion in capital investment.

Prince Salman also handed out prizes for maintenance and industrial safety.

The maintenance award, presented by the Ministry of Industry and Electricity Dr. Ghazi Al-Gosaibi and Deputy Minister Alman Salih Al-Tawajjih, Minister of Finance and National Economy Sheikh Muhammad Abu Al-Kheil, Minister of Commerce Dr. Soliman A. Solaiman and other senior officials and prominent businessmen and industrialists.

Almanit, an Eastern Province pipe manufacturer, third.

The Saudi-Danish Dairy, recently established in the Jeddah Industrial Park took the Industrial safety prize awarded by the state Industrial Studies and Development Center. Two Riyadh firms, the Saudi Lighting Company and the Riyadh Furniture Factory were second and third.

This month, the Council of Ministers decided to upgrade the Industrial Studies and Development Center into a state advisory body to enable it to contribute more extensively to the country's industrialization process. It was originally created to carry out feasibility studies for the private sector.

After the awards, Prince Salman opened a new permanent exhibition of Saudi national industrial development. The exhibition is open to the public from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. from Monday. Tuesday is

reserved for families.

The ceremony was attended by Minister of Industry and Electricity Dr. Ghazi Al-Gosaibi and Deputy Minister Alman Salih Al-Tawajjih, Minister of Finance and National Economy Sheikh Muhammad Abu Al-Kheil, Minister of Commerce Dr. Soliman A. Solaiman and other senior officials and prominent businessmen and industrialists.

Al-Gosaibi meets Bahraini side

Sunday, Dr. Al-Gosaibi met Jamil Al-Alawi, the visiting Bahraini undersecretary for works, electricity and water here.

Bilateral cooperation in electricity was discussed during the meeting which was also attended by Youssuf Al-Hamad, deputy minister.

Alawi arrived here Saturday on several days' visit to the Kingdom.

University minister opens seminar on Muslim youth

RIYADH, March 18 (SPA) — Minister of Higher Education Sheikh Hassan ibn Abdullah Al-Sheikh Sunday evening opened, on behalf of Crown Prince Fahd, the Fourth World Assembly of Muslim Youth.

The eight-day seminar, at King Faisal Conference Hall, has attracted more than 200 representatives of Islamic organizations from 80 countries. It will discuss "Islam, Civilization and the Role of Muslim Youth."

The minister also opened an exhibition of books in which more than 33 publishers from various Muslim countries are displaying textbooks, reference books and works of religious interpretation.

Jiluwi launches tree campaign

DAMMAM, March 18 (SPA) — Governor of the Eastern Province Prince Abdul Mohsen ibn Jiluwi Sunday opened a tree-planting week here organized by the province's Youth Welfare Bureau in cooperation with the Education Directorate, the Ministry of Agriculture and Dammam Municipality.

The prince planted the first tree on King Khaled Street here.

Yanbu fishermen get SR4.8m aid

YANBU, March 18 — A total of SR 4.8 million has been paid as subsidies to 480 fishermen here, according to a spokesman for the Agricultural Bank quoted by "Al-Madina" Sunday.

The spokesman added that SR4.6 million had been earmarked as aid to all fishermen in the towns of Rais, Ummelj, Wejh Dubba, Al-Khreibah and Haql.

Majed devolves cleaning works

DAMMAM, March 18 (SPA) — Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs Prince Majed has issued an order devolving responsibility for sanitation to local mayors in the Eastern Province.

According to the order, sanitation in the villages of Qadid, Ansak, and Qasim will come under the direct responsibility of the municipalities.

Mayors will be empowered to contract local companies for the work.

The move is designed to avoid the time and expense of ministry public tenders, the order said.



MODEL : Prince Salman giving out prizes Saturday to factory owners honored by the King Khaled awards.

Riyadh curbs police sirens

RIYADH, March 18 (SPA) — The Traffic Department here has banned the use of sirens and flashing lights by Patrol cars except in emergencies.

A circular to all traffic units said that warning signals should be used only when heading to the scene of an accident and not on the way back or after a mission has been completed.

Sunday's was the second circular on the use of sirens and flashers; numerous complaints from the public and the media.

And in Taif, the Traffic Department is establishing emergency telephones along the heavily used local highways.

Sixteen telephones are expected to be installed along the Taif to Abha road, scene of many accidents, by the end of the month.

A traffic spokesman was quoted by "Al-Madina" newspaper Sunday as saying that the phones are linked to four centers — Taif's accidents center, the traffic maintenance center, the police post and the Red Crescent Society headquarters.

All roads in Saudi Arabia are scheduled to be covered by these telephones, he said.

Riyadh charity receives SR400,000 from donors

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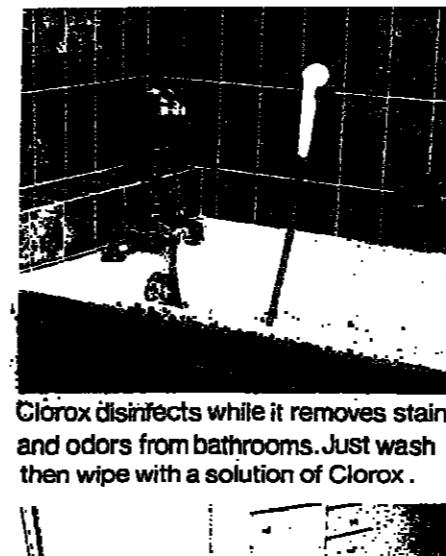
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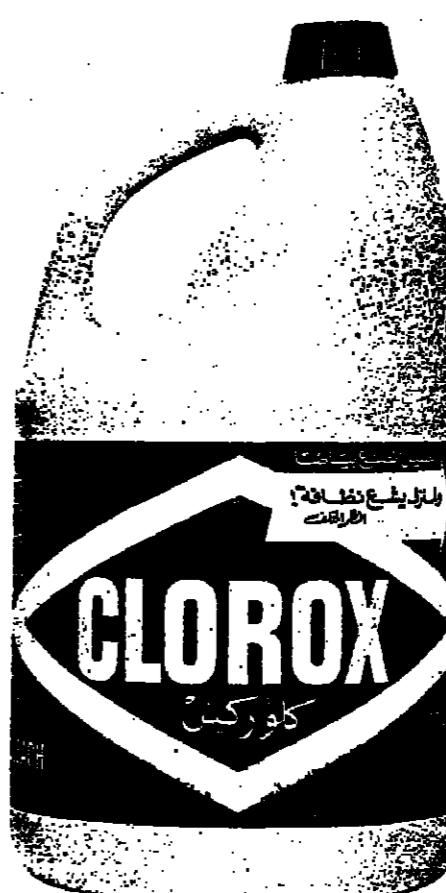
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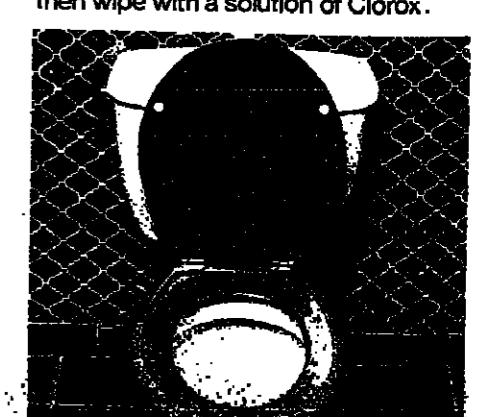
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Iran to expel Kate Millett

TEHRAN, March 18 (AP) — American feminist Kate Millett and a female companion were held incommunicado Sunday at Tehran's Mehrabad Airport awaiting deportation on the first available plane Monday morning.

Ms. Millett and Sophie Keir were taken earlier from their downtown hotel to the Foreign Ministry by immigration officials.

"We were held at the Foreign Office for more than an hour and our passports were taken from us," said Ms. Millett, as she and Ms. Keir were hustled into a small room off the departure lounge at the airport.

"We were well treated at the Foreign Ministry but apparently there is no plane until tomorrow and I presume we will have to stay here," she said.

Reporters who attempted to follow her into the room were held back by airport security men.

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TEHRAN: American women's rights activist Kate Millett in the Intercontinental Hotel Thursday. Sunday she was taken to Tehran's Mehrabad Airport to be deported. (AP photo).

according to an eyewitness, one of them told Millett, "you must leave Iran at once."

The two women were escorted from the hotel after being given time to pack their bags.

Reporters in the hotel lobby were prevented from speaking to her.

Ms. Millett had participated in several women's rights marches in Tehran earlier this month and dur-

ing a news conference attacked Ayatollah Khomeini.

After the announcement of her impending deportation last week, she was prevented from holding further news conferences at the hotel and generally kept a low profile.

"I haven't been expelled but if I am asked to leave, I will do so," she said Friday during an impromptu press briefing outside

the Intercontinental grounds.

Ms. Millett defended her presence in Iran, seen by some Iranian women as outside interference in Iranian affairs, by saying she was an "internationalist" and a "pacifist" and that her trip was sponsored by several Iranian women's rights movements.

But some women claimed she was also here to collect material for a book and a film.

Jordan sets free 35 Palestinian detainees

AMMAN, March 18 (R) — Jordan has released 35 Palestinian political detainees to mark Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat's visit to the country, officials said.

Meanwhile, Court Minister Amer Khammash has left here for the Gulf states of Oman, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Qatar with messages to their leaders from King Hussein, officials said.

The messages dealt with the possible coordination of Arab position in the face of the recent Mid-

East developments and within the context of Arab solidarity, they added.

A similar message was Friday delivered to King Khaled by the Chief of the Royal Cabinet Sharif Abdul-Hamid Sharaf.

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Tito, Karamanlis ask Balkan peace

SPLIT, Yugoslavia, March 18 (R) — After talks with Greek Prime Minister Constantine Karamanlis, President Tito has

called for efforts to preserve peace in the Balkans.

"First of all, we must try to keep this area from turning into a powder keg again, as there are many such powder kegs in the world today," Tito said in a toast Saturday.

Karamanlis answered, "it is our obligation to do whatever we can to preserve peace in the Balkans."

He said there was identity of views in his talks with Tito, and relations between Greece and Yugoslavia were a stabilizing factor in the region.

A joint communique said both sides stressed their determination to encourage inter-Balkan economic and technical cooperation.

Karamanlis is due next month to host Bulgarian President Todor Zhikov, who has not exchanged visits with Tito since the Soviet-led Warsaw pact invasion of Czechoslovakia in 1968, which Yugoslavia condemned.

Greece is eager to have friendly ties with its Communist neighbors in view of tension in its relations with Turkey over Cyprus, while Yugoslavia wants peace and stability in the Balkans as a guarantee of its independence.

Bulgaria, Moscow's staunchest ally in Europe, blocked earlier Greek initiatives to convene a second Balkan conference on economic and technical cooperation.

Yugoslavia's relations with Bulgaria are strained, with Bulgaria accusing Sofia of harboring claims on its territory.

The communiqué said the Cyprus situation was a threat to peace and stability and called for an early resumption of talks between its Greek and Turkish communities.

Greece and Yugoslavia called for an urgent solution to the Middle East crisis and for general and complete disarmament, both nuclear and conventional.

On their bilateral relations, the two countries stressed the need for periodical consultations on foreign policy and for increased cooperation in industry, energy, irrigation schemes and communications.

Karamanlis left Sunday for Romania.

In a farewell statement he expressed his pleasure over his visit and what he described as "very useful" talks with Tito.

PARIS, March 18 (R) — Half of France was voting Sunday in cantonal elections to choose local leaders in the country's 95 departments, but the vote is seen as a test of the government's popularity.

The elections have aroused little interest among voters and have taken second place behind this week's special session of parliament called to debate rising

unemployment in France.

Prime Minister Raymond Barre's center-right government easily survived two opposition censure motions on its economic policies in the session.

Voters were expected to use the poll to express discontent at streamlining policies which have led to violent social unrest in northern France.

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French cantonal elections begin

HELSINKI, March 18 (R) — Opposition Conservatives may make gains in general elections which started Sunday but the center-left coalition government is expected to stay in power.

Opinion polls indicate the Conservatives will gain several seats, making them the second biggest group in Finland's 200-seat Eduskunta (parliament).

The ruling coalition of Social Democrats, Centerists, Communists and Liberals holds 134 seats and polls predict the government

will not be seriously damaged by Conservative advances in the voting, which ends Monday.

More than 3.8 million Finns are entitled to vote for over 1,300 candidates from 12 parties. Most of the gains are expected to go to small conservative opposition groups.

Conservative hopes that they might make even bigger inroads have been dampened by recent articles in the Soviet press casting doubts on whether the right-wing parties really want good relations with the Kremlin.

electors choose local councillors and village mayors, usually draw a low turnout with around 40 per cent of abstentions. Those elected serve a six-year term.

The left wing opposition of Socialists and Communists polled 56.85 per cent in the last such ballot, in 1976, while the right and center only picked up 43 per cent.

Since then, the left has split and the combined opposition lost legislative elections last March.

The opposition traditionally does well in the cantonal elections, where the government's future is not at stake and the Socialists are expected to pick up a few seats in Sunday's poll.

The main issue in the campaign, which has attracted little press coverage, was unemployment, currently standing at more than 1.3 million.

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Silkwood lawyers ponder increase of \$11.5m claim

OKLAHOMA CITY, Oklahoma, March 18 (AP) — Lawyers for Karen Silkwood's survivors met on Saturday to try and decide whether to amend their damage claim in an \$11.5 million plutonium contamination suit.

The Silkwood estate is suing the Kerr-McGee Corp. Miss Silkwood's employer at the time of her death in a 1974 auto accident. Her survivors claim she was contaminated with plutonium because of company negligence. Kerr-McGee contends she contami-

nated herself, possibly to dramatize her accusations about conditions at the nuclear fuel processing plant where she worked as a lab technician.

The trial, which began March 6, was recessed on Friday for the weekend.

The Silkwood attorneys are considering an attempt to increase their claim for damages by several million dollars. They began discussing the action after trial testimony by two former plutonium plant employees concerning allegedly forged health and safety documents.

Dan Sheehan, chief counsel for the Silkwood estate refused comment on the possibility of amending the damage claim. Bill Paul, who is heading up Kerr-McGee's defense team, said if a motion to amend is filed, he will oppose it.

Ron Hammock, 31, and Randy Snodgrass, 24, were the two witnesses who testified they did not sign the signatures that appear on health and safety documents in their files.

Hammock, who is now a state trooper, and Snodgrass, who now works as a machinist, said they did not receive specialized classroom training on the hazards of radioactivity before going to work as plutonium handlers.

Both also testified about numerous spills and contamination incidents at the plant. Hammock said at the Kerr-McGee's companion uranium plant, workers threw uranium nuclear fuel pellets around playfully.

Three atomic scientists are among the seven Silkwood witnesses who have testified so far. They said very small amounts of plutonium can cause cancer.



MOTHER AND CHILDREN: Karen Silkwood poses with her children (from left) Beverly, Dawn and Michael. She died in an auto accident in 1974 and her survivors say her employers' negligence caused her to be contaminated by plutonium. (AP photo)

Said sought by deposed premier

Grenada assails massive arms orders

ST. GEORGE'S, Grenada, March 18 (AP) — Leaders of the People's Revolutionary Movement of Grenada have said the deposed regime of Premier Sir Eric last Tuesday, had reportedly authorized imports of large quantities of weapons and ammunitions from the United States and England in recent weeks.

Maurice Bishop, leader of the revolutionary provisional government that deposed Sir Eric last Tuesday, said Saturday the former premier had reportedly authorized imports of large quantities of weapons for his defense forces.

Bishop said the amounts were

"unnecessary for a country the size of Grenada," (133-square miles) and referred specifically to a request for 1,000 Grenades. "We have never had grenades here," he said.

Bishop displayed copies of letters marked "confidential" reportedly found in the home of the former commander of the defense forces and addressed to the commissioner of police with the notation that they be sent to the manufacturers.

The grenades and 600 AK-18 5.56 MM combat rifles were said to have been ordered from Wesley and Scott Ltd., of Birmingham, England. From Colt Industries of Connecticut, Colt revolvers were ordered as well as .45 caliber cartridges, and holsters.

Bishop reiterated his government's determination to resist any attempts by Sir Eric to recapture power. The former leader was in the United States when his government was overthrown.

Re-glued space shuttle may soon get off ground

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. March 18 (AP) — A special test flight was planned for Sunday to determine if the experimental glue used to repair the space shuttle Columbia will hold for the craft's cross-country trip.

The shuttle's two-day flight to its launch site at Cape Canaveral, Florida, on the back of a 747 jet had been scheduled for March 9, but was postponed after some of

the craft's protective tiles crumpled during a brief test flight.

Technicians for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration were scheduled to test the new glue used in the repairs by mounting two panels on another plane for a short flight.

If all goes well, the shuttle itself and its jet ferry will make a 30-minute test flight at about dawn Monday.

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Refuses to send observers

Vance assails Rhodesia April 20 election

WASHINGTON, March 18 (AP) — Secretary of State Cyrus Vance has warned there would be "greater bloodshed and destruction" in Rhodesia unless guerrilla movements and the government agreed to elections supervised by the United Nations.

"As the conflict grows," he said Saturday, "there is also a growing opportunity for Soviet and Cuban influence and influence."

Vance called for all those involved in the Rhodesian conflict to submit to U.N. supervision. An almost identical statement was issued simultaneously in London by British Foreign Secretary David Owen.

Vance also said the United States would not send observers to the April 20 elections called by the transitional government.

"To do so could be to imply official recognition of elections we do not believe can provide a solution to the conflict," Vance said. "The question of Congressionally sponsored observers is a matter for the Congress to decide."

He would prefer that talks on a U.N.-supervised election start before April 20. Failing that, he hoped the principle of U.N. supervision would be accepted by all factions in the dispute before that date.

The Security Council has declared the elections illegal and accused the transitional government of using them to try to extend minority rule.

Vance declined to answer questions on his prepared statement.

A State Department official, who asked not to be identified, said that as the election approaches there is an increasing awareness it is not going to solve the problem.

While there was no indication that a new appeal for U.N. supervision would be successful, the official said, it was felt a reiteration of the U.S. position would be worthwhile.

In response to a question, he said the patriotic front guerrilla

movements were informed in advance of the statement, but had not reacted.

"We believe that both sides should take a first and significant step to accept the principle of U.N.-supervised elections in Rhodesia, and to agree to negotiate the conditions for holding such elections," Vance said in his statement.

"The proposals that we and the British have previously put forward convey our view of such a process. But we recognize that

election arrangements must be negotiated to the satisfaction of the parties themselves.

"The crucial point is the acceptance of the principle of internationally supervised elections as the only way to avoid protracted and damaging war."

The State Department official explained that the "front line states" — the black governments neighboring Rhodesia — support an election supervised by the United Nations because it would be in their own interest, as they fear more fighting after the vote

To discuss problem on visit

Bangladesh migration worries Desai

NEW DELHI, March 18 (AP) — Prime Minister Morarji Desai will discuss during his visit to Bangladesh next month the question of continuing mass migrations from that country to India, says a member of Desai's cabinet.

Opposition members of parliament voiced concern on Friday over reports that thousands of tribal refugees from Bangladesh had crossed the border into the states of West Bengal, Meghalaya, Assam and Tripura.

Deputy Home Minister D.L. Mandal told the Upper House (Rajya Sabha) Desai would take it up with President Zia-ur-Rahman. He said India had

reported 4,600 members of the Chakma tribe recently for illegal entry into Mizoram Territory and another 4,000 from Tripura.

"Do you want us to build a Chinese great wall or barbed wire fencing?" Mandal asked a member who suggested that the border between the two countries should be sealed.

Hilly terrain and thick forests along the border made patrolling by government personnel to check the refugee movement difficult, he said.

In Gauhati, capital of Assam, Chief Minister Gobam Borboron told legislators that the refugees are posing a "security problem."

Tension is running high between the intruders and local Assamese who resent them. Borboron said.

Many refugees, the state's top elected official said, had come over during the 1971 war against Pakistan which resulted in the emergence of Bangladesh and had remained in the country.

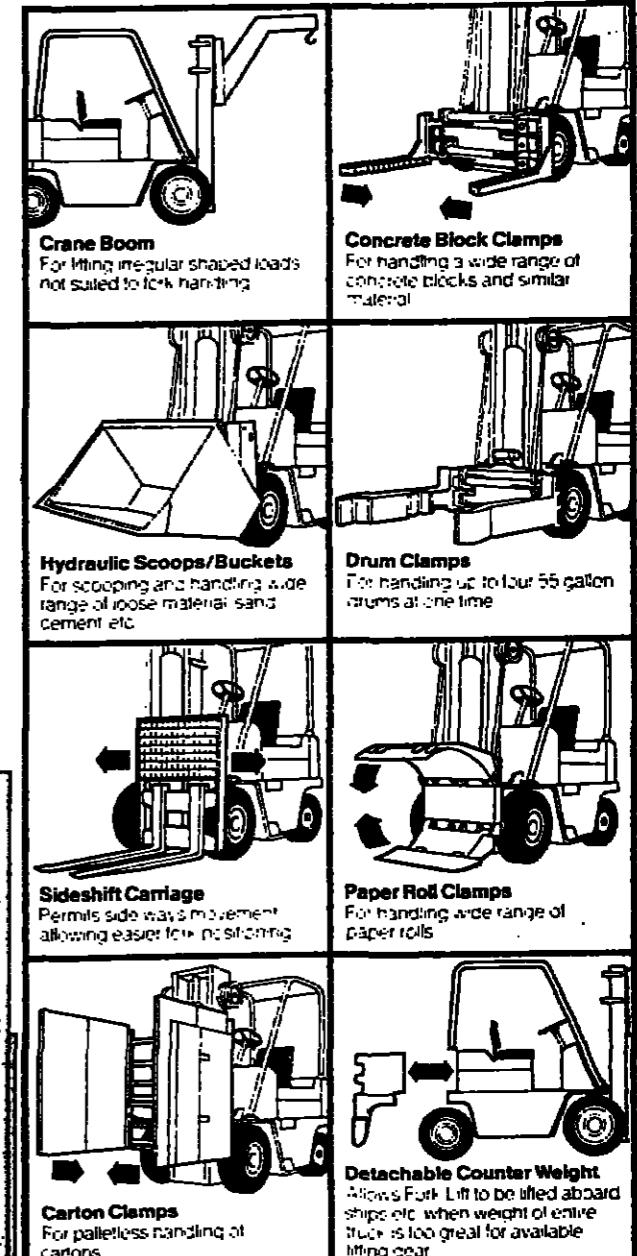
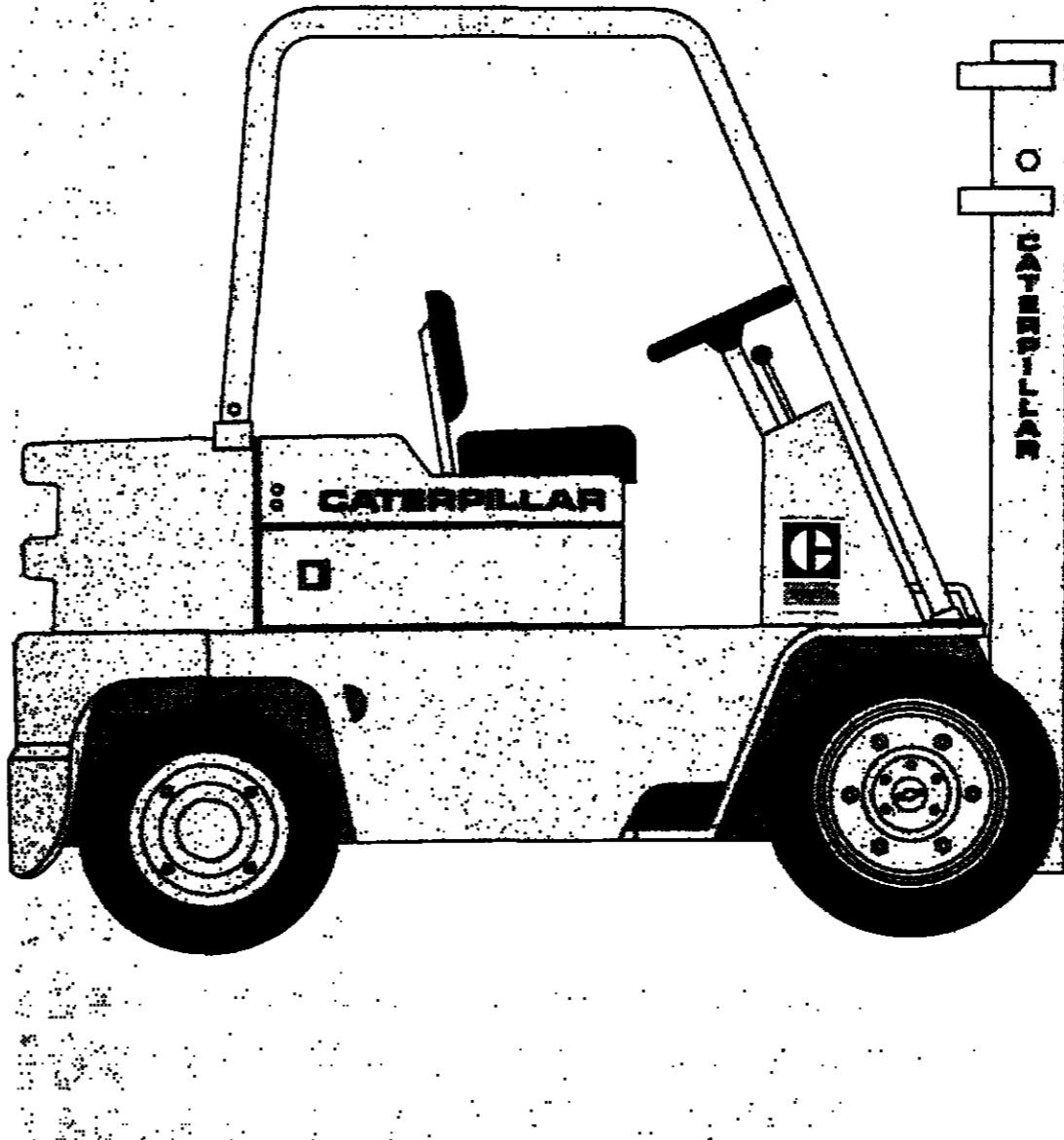
There is also local trouble in the area.

More than 500 Assamese have fled Arunachal Pradesh territory, north of Assam, alleging their homes had been set ablaze by local tribals, the United News of India reported. Government officials were also attacked, UNI said.

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LEBANESE UNITY

The withdrawal of the Saudi contingent from the Arab Deterrent Force in Lebanon underscores the obligation of the Lebanese government to re-establish its authority in a country that has developed a surprising tolerance for private armies and rampaging armed gangs.

The only ray of hope is the announcement that Lebanese army regulars will be moving into the areas the Saudi force is leaving. There is also talk of deploying the national army in other areas of the country as well.

The government missed a golden opportunity by not striking at dissident factions when the deterrent force first entered the country. For President Sarkis then had a mandate from all Arab leaders to take whatever action necessary to bring the situation under control. The second opportunity was missed when the U.N. force was deployed in the south with international and Arab support.

But all is not lost.

The average Lebanese has reached a state of despair, and is more ready than ever to accept any central authority. It is this very mood that offers the central government the opportunity to get its act together. The desired divorce between the population and the armed factions can only be achieved if the government takes over from them the security and protection of citizens. The absence of such authority, and not political motivation, has led different Lebanese groups, depending on the area they happen to be in, to align themselves with armed factions of every political color.

Bringing the situation back to normal is not an easy affair after the tragic events in the last four years, but every Lebanese citizen, especially politicians, must realize that violence can only lead to more violence, and stubborn demands will be met by stubborn demands. Yet the majority of Lebanese politicians have not abandoned the mentalities that led to the conflict and compounded it.

Until now, the action of the Lebanese government, or more precisely the lack of it, has suggested that the government is there to serve the interests of politicians — not the population. The government must now live up to its commitment to that population, because only then will it have the popular support it so desperately wants and needs.

Even if Lebanon could afford a further spell of discord, the Middle East could pay a high price for this disunity. With the political and military buildup accompanying the U.S. peace initiative, the Middle East is moving quickly toward either peace or war — and a turbulent Lebanon could be used as the spark that triggers off war.

Collective leadership?

By Ajay Bose

NEW DELHI —

The Congress Working Committee decision last week not to unite with the Indira Congress has dealt a serious blow to former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's hopes to stall the Special Courts Bill with the help of the Congress members in the upper house of the Indian Parliament where the combined opposition holds a majority.

The bill which seeks to set up special courts to try cases of emergency excesses was passed by a massive majority in the lower house last week but has to still get through the upper house where the Janata Party is in a minority.

In a house of 242 members, the Janata has a strength of 71. Indira Congress 66 and the Congress 46. A combined Congress therefore could be the strongest party in the house and with the help of even a small section of the rest of the opposition could easily scuttle the Special Courts Bill.

With the breakdown of the unity talks between the two factions of the Congress however it is highly unlikely that Mrs. Gandhi would get any support from the Congress against the bill which is now almost sure to be passed by the upper house.

The decision by the Congress Working Committee to stop the unity talks, is also a major victory

for the anti-unity group in the Congress who has been consistently charging Mrs. Gandhi with "dictatorial tendencies." Members of this group had also threatened to leave the Congress if it united with Mrs. Gandhi's party.

A jubilant Y.B. Chavan, leader of this group, told newsmen last Monday, "The inevitable has happened. Mrs. Gandhi did not want honorable colleagues but prisoners of surrender."

Even the section of the Congress which had been previously for unity with Mrs. Gandhi has been increasingly alienated from her because of her continued defense of emergency excesses and her son Sanjay Gandhi. Mrs. Gandhi's reported comment recently that those who did not want the association of her son Sanjay with her party should quit the organization, had considerably dampened the spirits of unity seekers.

The Indira Congress has of course condemned the Congress Working Committee decision and accused vested interest inside the Congress of sabotaging the unity talks. In a statement Tuesday, the All India Congress Committee (Indira) said, "it is absolutely unfair to accuse Mrs. Gandhi of trying to wield dictatorial powers over the party. All she wants is collective leadership." (G)

"HOW DID I GET MYSELF OVER TWO BARRELS?"



Oil market uncertainties

By John Berry
And
James Rowe Jr.

In a move that underscores the growing fragmentation and instability in world oil markets, Exxon Corp. announced last week it will gradually end all sales of crude oil to companies not affiliated with Exxon.

Other major oil companies, including Standard Oil of California, once the world's largest seller of crude, also are cutting such sales as demand at their own refineries grows, and more oil production in many nations is owned and sold by national oil companies.

The action by Exxon and other companies means many crude buyers will have to deal directly with a national oil company, such as the National Iranian Oil Co., for crude.

At the moment, NIOC is selling only spot cargoes at prices up to \$20 a barrel. Libya and Iraq have reduced sales under firm contracts at regular OPEC prices so that they can sell their crude in the spot market and make a higher profit.

Exxon said it would not renew current contracts with so-called third-party markets when they expire, except for a six-month period at one-half the volume called for in the old contract.

Hardest hit by Exxon's decision is Japan, which gets about 5 per cent of its oil through trading companies that have contracts with Exxon. Last year, Japan consumed about 5 million barrels of oil a day, virtually all of which was imported.

The contracts in Japan begin to

expire at the end of this month. Worldwide, Exxon has between 25 and 30 such contracts covering about 500,000 to 550,000 barrels per day.

"The plain fact of the matter is that we just don't have the oil," an Exxon spokesman said. Even after eliminating all third-party contracts between now and 1982, Exxon still will not have enough crude to cover the needs of its own refineries and those of its affiliates around the world, he said.

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What is being signed

By Irene Beeson

CAIRO —

"Peace is imminent." "Agreement to Be Signed Within a Week." "Sadat Accepts New Proposals."

Wednesday morning's Cairo headlines were of the calibre that normally inspires millions of Egyptians to parade through the hastily decorated streets, spontaneously to express their joy and gratitude. Wednesday, not only was there not the tiniest little symptom of public rejoicing, but the general reaction was either of indifference or sullenness.

Egyptians apparently don't know whether they are coming or going or, as one remarked, "we've not yet been told how happy we are and to go out and show it."

The most enthusiastic reaction of the many if heard Wednesday was that if real peace came it would be good for Egypt.

The trouble is that nobody has been told what all the headlines are about. The so-called peace negotiations have so often been on the verge of immediate conclusion and of imminent breakdown that they cannot decide whether this is merely the continuation of the old scenario. What has President Sadat accepted now? They want to know. Some are even wondering whether he did, in fact accept the new Carter proposals. Why did he not make a statement to that effect. Why did Carter have to tell Egypt that its president had okayed the new proposals?

The fairly widespread initial opposition to the Camp David accords, now considerably swollen by various religious groups, is the only vocal Egyptian on the subject. They had rejected the Camp David accords, they said. They were certainly not going to support new proposals which must involve further Egyptian concessions.

Reports that the treaty would be signed in Washington, Cairo and Jerusalem has shocked many. Why Jerusalem? Why not Tel Aviv? Have Cairo and Washington

ton officially recognized the holy city as the capital of the Jewish state? Many are asking. How would the other Arabs and Muslims react to this?

While the people are trying to puzzle out all these issues, President Sadat has sent Vice-President Hosni Mubarak on a lightning tour of the Sudan, Western and Eastern Europe, to explain the reformulated terms of the treaty. He is also notifying Arab heads of state, except those of the so-called "rejection front," of the new proposals.

Thursday Prime Minister Moustapha Khalil held an emergency cabinet meeting to discuss the new elements of the document. Saturday Sadat briefed the parliamentary group of his own ruling National Democratic Party, which holds more than 300 of the 360 parliamentary seats.

After discussing the matter with scores of Egyptians of various political and religious trends, also many simple citizens without political bias, the impression emerges that there is deep reticence, mistrust and misgivings about this strange pact worked out in distant Camp David, drafted by a foreign president, altered, reformulated, rephrased, and which now appears to have been reduced to a minimum accompanied by a series of explanatory letters. Some are asking, "Why do they not spell out honestly and clearly in the treaty what is being signed in our name?" There is special concern for the Palestine question. For 30 years and up to a few days ago, this was presented as the heart and core of the matter. It is now brushed into the background as an explanatory letter, in which, it now appears only the Gaza Strip is mentioned in ambiguous terms.

The great unformulated question that filters through is whether Egypt really can put its signature to such a document?

The two political parties — the Wafid and the Progressive Unionist — who could express a wide a section of public opinion,

from the moderate right to Nasserists, left and religious-modernists — have been silenced. The Wafid was driven to dissolve itself. The Progressives are not allowed to function publicly or to publish their paper. The student population, another large vocal section, is restricted to campus where politics are banned under threat of immediate expulsion. Despite this, there have been protest meetings, sit-ins and pray-ins at universities in Cairo, Alexandria and Assuit for the past two weeks or so. There are unconfirmed reports of a number of arrests of religious elements. The authorized Muslim Brother magazine "Al Dawa" was seized from the streets this month, because its whole issue was decidedly favorable to the Iranian revolution and opposed to Camp David and the Israeli-Egyptian treaty. A bomb exploded in the Sheraton Hotel last month, in which four persons were injured and there were reports of explosions in two other large Cairo hotels. The religio-political agitation, the general atmosphere of excitement and tension in the whole area, emanating from the Iranian revolution are prompting people to take a different view of Egypt's new relationship with the U.S. and Israel. "The signing of the treaty would be like lighting a fuse connected to charges all over the area," was one comment I heard. And another was that "it would be like holding a flaming torch to an oil well."

To the American-Israeli argument that only peace between Israel and Egypt and a three-cornered alliance with the U.S. could prevent radicalization of the area, restore stability and security and guarantee Western interests, Egyptian political sources report that it was the dispossession of the Palestinians that set off radicalization and destabilization, and that they are reaching a climax through the attempt to force upon the Arabs a document setting out the final solution of the Palestine problem. —(G)

In search of freedom

By Keyes Beech

SONGHKLA, Thailand —

The usually bountiful fishing catch in the waters off southern Thailand has taken a perceptible drop.

Superstitious Thai fishermen are not going to sea as often because their nets are bringing up too many bodies of drowned Vietnamese refugees.

The same thing is happening off the coast of Malaysia, more so because more escaping Vietnamese head for that country, which is closer to their point of departure.

These grisly stories are a reminder of the frightful hazards faced by the flood of Vietnamese fleeing Communist rule in their native land.

An American source estimates the losses at anywhere from 20 per cent to 50 per cent.

Nobody knows the percentage for sure. The sea does not permit a body count.

But one who accepts the 50 per cent loss figure is T.D.R. Thomson, a bearded Scot who represents including affiliates, had their crude supplies reduced by 10 per cent since Dec. 1 in another consequence of the Iranian oil shutdown. (WP)

"If you talk to as many boat people as I have, it's easy to accept

that one dies for every one that makes it to safety," he said.

About 140,000 Vietnamese have made good their escape since the government of South Vietnam fell in 1975, not including the thousands who were evacuated by the United States in the final days.

"If my estimate is correct, that means 140,000 Vietnamese have died trying to escape in the past four years," Thomson said. "Of the 140,000 who escaped, approximately 74,000 have come out in the past seven months.

"Therefore, if you accept my one-to-one loss ratio," Thomson said, "that means that 74,000 have died in the past seven months alone. That is more people than you Americans lost in more than 10 years of war."

But Thomson added, "let's assume that I'm only half right. That's still quite a few people, isn't it?"

The boat people know the risks. Word of the risks gets back to Vietnam via the grapevine, and yet they come in every increasing numbers.

Why?

After talking to scores of refugees, Thomson has reduced the answer to this: "You do not

Dollar test for EMS

By WILLIAM KEEGAN

WASHINGTON — The inauguration of the European Monetary System this week is a small but historic step in the gradual shedding by the United States of its long hegemonic role in world economic affairs.

It was poignant that the decisive meeting of EEC finance ministers and central bank governors on the EMS should have taken place here in Washington on the day the U.S. agreed with other International Monetary Fund members to support another proposal with long-term implications for the dollar's role: namely work on the scheme to allow countries to deposit dollar holdings at the Fund in return for claims denominated in Special Drawing Rights.

The SDR is a reserve unit whose value is an average of the leading currencies of the world, weighted according to their importance in trade. The architects of the EMS ultimately want the European Community to have its reserve unit — the EUC (European Currency Unit).

Despite theoretical arguments about their attractions, the actual proportion of SDRs to gold and reserve currencies such as the dollar is微少. Even finance ministers involved in the great evolutionary work can be heard to mutter,

Reminiscences of an artist

By Edward Biberman

LOS ANGELES — Fifty years ago this month in Paris, I was having my first one-man exhibition, at the Galerie Zak. The German painter, Max Dungert, was in Paris visiting mutual friends of ours. After seeing my show, he suggested that, before returning to the United States, I exhibit my work in Berlin. I was 24 at the time. When I told Dungert that I had no contacts in that city, he graciously volunteered to make arrangements for me.

Very soon I found myself making plans to ship my work to the Neue Kunsthändler Gallery, on the Lützowstrasse in Berlin, owned and run by a man named Herr Margules.

A few nights later, over coffee at the Cafe Dome in Paris, I told my friend Sandy (Alexander) Calder of this turn of events, and was delighted to learn that he was scheduled to have a show at Berlin's Neumann-Nierendorf Gallery at approximately the same time as my own exhibition. At that time Calder was doing wire sculpture. (His famous "Mobiles" were not to come for several more

years.) Calder thought it might be interesting if we went to Berlin together, and he told me of an inexpensive pension where we could stay. We agreed, then, to take the night train to Berlin, about two weeks before the opening of our shows.

I shipped my paintings well ahead of time, to be sure that they would be at the gallery in advance of my arrival. I showed up at the station the night of our departure to find Calder already there. Over his arm he was carrying a large coil of brass wire. When I asked him what it was for, he informed me that this would be his exhibition. "I have plenty of time," he said. "My show doesn't open for two weeks, so I'll be able to do all the pieces before then." Since my own exhibition represented about two years of work, I could only envy him in silence.

Around midnight, the train stopped at the border for German customs inspection. A uniformed officer entered our compartment, and asked if we had anything to declare.

We told him that we had nothing subject to duty, and opened our suitcases for inspection.

"Who would ever want to swap gold for an SDR?"

Conscious of this, the IMF wants to make a success of what is known as its "substitution account" proposal: if, after further study, the scheme does get off the ground, it is likely to involve a sum between \$ 25 billion and \$ 50 billion, compared to industrialized countries' holdings of reserves of some \$ 212 billion, of which only \$ 11 billion are SDRs.

There are many technical problems, not least the U.S. government's reluctance to take the exchange rate risk on behalf of countries which might eventually want to move back into dollars.

Thus the EMS, like the IMF proposal, leaves the dollar as the lynch-pin of the world's monetary system for years to come. They may help psychologically to reassure those who have nightmares about billions of dollars sloshing around the world. But they leave the basic U.S. argument unchanged: namely, that to enjoy calm foreign exchange markets the "fundamentals" — U.S. inflation, balance of payments and energy trends — have to be seen to be right, or at least moving in the right direction.

Here lies the rub. In recent months, the administration has watched the markets accept that the fundamentals were improving.

and the dollar responded favorably to the support operation last November. Indeed, there has been a recovery in the dollar, but one which still leaves a significant gain in U.S. trade competitiveness. This has occurred in spite of all the bad news from Iran, and the recrudescence of doubts about President Carter's leadership.

Suddenly, however, the economic atmosphere shows signs of turning sour. Although most analysts are agreed that the economy is heading for a slowdown and possibly recession, the interval between cause and effect is so long that it has not happened yet. Indeed, the boom goes on, with consumers spending and getting into debt as if there were no tomorrow, the savings ratio at an all-time low, and employment still rising.

The U.S. economy will almost certainly slow down shortly, not just because of the combined thrust of monetary and fiscal policy, but also from sheer exhaustion.

Apart from renewed concern about the country's appetite for oil, however, and assuming the balance of payments position improves as expected, the immediate problem is the inflationary legacy of the boom. The monthly price indices are now running at annual rates of well over 10 per cent and official internal forecasts

for the year are being revised upwards from the presidential target of 7.4 per cent to more than 8.5 per cent.

Even without the effects of the new oil price explosion, the administration knows it is in for a delicate period — just when the big union wage claims are coming up. No real improvement is expected in the inflation trend before the closing months of the year.

It may be, therefore, that the EEC's scheme for more coordinated intervention to stabilize exchange markets is starting at a time when the dollar is about to undergo another testing period — in which case it will also be a testing period for the EMS.

Even if the markets remain calm, the U.S. inflation trend is going to heighten attention paid to the Federal deficit.

This brings us to another aspect of the gradual decline in U.S. economic hegemony. The financial implications of such moves as the extra defense commitments now being offered by President Carter in the Middle East are that either something has to give elsewhere in his budget, or the Americans will want a larger share of financial support from the EEC and Japan. Thus traditional critics of U.S. dollar supremacy will be getting their come-uppance: a call to share the burden of footing the bill. (OFNS)

Ibrahim Yazdi: Scientist and ideologue

By Nicholas Chiss

Houston —

Ibrahim Yazdi, deputy prime minister of Iran's revolutionary government and often the "voice" of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, is an American citizen with a wife and six children living in Houston.

The handsome, smartly dressed Yazdi, a pharmacologist, first became publicly identified with Khomeini last fall when the religious leader, in exile in Paris, was directing the struggle that eventually drove the Shah from Iran.

Yazdi, 47, was Khomeini's spokesman in Paris and now is head of revolutionary affairs for the Iranian government. Considered a strong ideologue, he appears to be the liaison man between Khomeini and Prime Minister Mehdi Bazargan.

Yazdi and his wife moved to the United States in 1961, and she and their children, ranging in ages from 2 to 6, have lived here in a predominantly Jewish neighborhood called Meyerland the past eight years, Mrs. Yazdi said in a telephone interview.

"My husband and I have many Jewish friends, but I think he is against Zionism," she said. The Bazargan government has embraced the Palestine Liberation Organization and refused to resume oil exports to Israel.

A State Department official declined comment on Yazdi's dual role as a U.S. citizen and official of a foreign power, referring questions to the Department of Justice. The Department of Justice suggested that the immigration and naturalization service might have the answer.

Vern Jarvis, an INS spokesman, stated that "the following act is considered highly persuasive evidence of an intention to relinquish citizenship, and will normally result in expatriation: Service in an important political post of a foreign government. Such an act is highly persuasive of an intention to abandon allegiance."

He said the government could start proceedings leading to Yazdi losing his citizenship.

Yazdi's wife confirmed that both she and her husband had U.S. citizenship but added, "I do not like to talk about it. It is a personal matter."

The Houston district office of the INS confirmed that Yazdi became a naturalized citizen in Houston in 1971.

Yazdi was born in Iran Sept. 26, 1931, in the small town of Qazvin.

He and his wife arrived in the United States in 1961, where Yazdi first studied at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He already had a doctorate from the University of Tehran. They later moved to Houston where he was a cancer researcher at the Baylor University School of Medicine until 1970 when he joined the staff of the Veterans' Administration Hospital here as a supervisory microbiologist. He left that post in July, 1977.

His superior, a Dr. Ferenc Gyurkey, described Yazdi as a "fine scientist" and said he left for other work. He said Yazdi was now in politics and he could not comment further.

Yazdi had been head of the Islamic Society of Greater Houston for some time, but his movements from the time he left the VA hospital were not clear. A source at the hospital said Yazdi spent some time in Washington where he attempted to become an unofficial representative for the Ayatollah.

Mrs. Yazdi said her husband visited Khomeini when the religious leader lived in exile in Iraq. She said he brought him a long list of questions from Muslims in the United States asking how they should deal with such things as foods and banking interest rates. The two men became close friends, she said, and Yazdi moved to France with Khomeini when he left Iraq, later returning to Iran with him.

"He calls when he gets time," Mrs. Yazdi said. "He is tired sometimes but he is a very cheerful man. But he gets mad when the American press twists events there."

While in Houston, she said, her husband often counseled Iranian students advising them on financial affairs and helping them with English and instructing them in religion.

She said her husband was a sincere religious person. Asked if Yazdi had taken part in any of the numerous Iranian student demonstrations in Houston or elsewhere, Mrs. Yazdi said he had not, with one exception. That was the student demonstration in Washington in November, 1977, during a visit by the Shah. Dozens of demonstrators and police clashed and were injured. Photographs of the Shah and President Carter wiping tear gas from their eyes underscored to many Americans the presence of the Iranian students as never before.

Asked if her conversations with her husband had given her any indication of how things might eventually be settled in Iran, she replied: "Only in one way, that's God's way. (LAT)

'A present from firms like us'

By Martin Wainwright

German was of no help. Finally, in desperation, Calder reached into his jacket pocket, took out a pair of wirecutters snipped off a length of wire, and without a word began a performance that the official watched incredulously. Calder twisted the wire, turned it, bent it, and slowly there emerged first a stem, then some leaves, finally a complete daisy, petals and all. Then, with a smile and a slight bow, he extended the flower to the official, who, bug-eyed now, took it with thumb and forefinger. "Aber das ist doch fabelhaft" (but that's amazing), he said, and slowly backed out of the compartment, bidding us goodbye and a good trip.

The official looked bewildered. In the late 1920s, sculpture, to the average German, meant something massive, in stone or bronze, in a public park or on a building. Obviously, this American who spoke such halting German had not understood him. Again the man pointed to the wire. Again he waved his book and said: "Wire — radio — 40 per cent duty." Calder repeated that he was a sculptor, but a sculptor, that the wire was art material and therefore not subject to duty.

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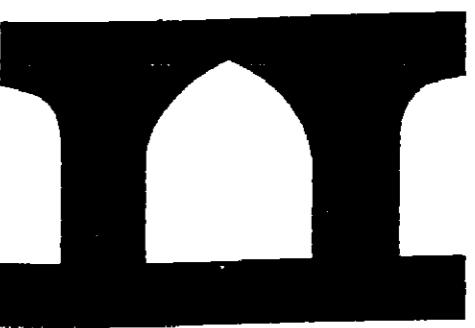
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In the late 1920s, sculpture

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THE NATIONAL COMMERCIAL BANK

(Partnership Company C.R.1588)

BALANCE SHEET

as at 30th Zul Hijjah 1398 (30th Nov. 1978)

Capital & Liabilities

Year 1397		S.Rls.	S.Rls.
30,225,133	Capital		30,225,133
32,774,867	Reserves		
337,000,000	Statutory Reserve	32,774,867	
46,095,605	Other Revenue Reserves	557,000,000	
31,877,142	Surplus on Revaluation of Properties	46,095,605	
	Surplus on Revaluation of Investments	31,877,142	
447,747,614			667,747,614
477,972,747			697,972,747
11049,112,511	Total Capital & Reserves		
5,815,436	Deposits		
1331,955,244	1. Customers Deposits (Note: cover total Current, Time and Saving Deposits)	14612,477,136	
	2. Deposits from Banks:		
	a) In Saudi Arabia	42,402,827	
	b) Abroad	2576,103,158	
1589,528,684	3. Sundry Deposits (Note: Include margins for Letter of Credit, Guarantees, Drafts & other Transfers)	1920,586,316	
13976,411,875			19151,569,433
	Borrowings		
365,760,604	1. From Banks:		
	a. In Saudi Arabia		
	b. Abroad		
365,760,604	2. From Others		
	Profit & Loss Account		
13,956,598	Balance brought forward from last year	8,593,382	
244,636,783	Add: Net Profit for the year 1398 after Transfer to Reserve	80,596,883	
258,593,381			89,190,265
	Other Liabilities		
104,002,565	1. Acceptances Outstanding on behalf of Customers	164,897,314	
195,804,714	2. Other Liabilities	891,160,572	
299,807,279			1056,057,886
15378,545,886	Sub - Total		20994,790,335
10922,157,593	Contra Accounts		
	Guarantees, Letters of Credit and other Obligations		12453,355,893
26300,703,479	Grand Total		33448,146,234

Property & Assets

Year 1397	S. Rls.	S. Rls.	S. Rls.
Cash Funds			
782,758,593	1. Cash in Hand	1111,385,019	
4348,432,985	2. Statutory Deposits with Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency	8028,157,383	
3156,619,430	3. Other Deposits with Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency	1791,248,406	
8287,811,008			10930,790,808
Deposits with Banks			
111,366,518	1. In Saudi Arabia	308,712,066	
2117,197,827	2. Abroad	2813,506,101	
2228,564,345			3122,218,167
Investments (Not exceeding lowest of cost or market value)			
1. Shares & Securities of Establishments:			
165,310,085	a) In Saudi Arabia	169,524,301	
310,463,363	b) Abroad	389,377,522	
2. Other Investments			
475,773,448			558,901,823
Loans, Advances ... Etc. (Less Provision for Bad & Doubtful Debts)			
1. To:			
2921,180,759	a) Private Sector	4517,744,923	
494,908,466	b) Banks	511,390,426	
201,073,880	c) Others	414,957,258	
225,330,759	2. Bills Purchased & Discounted	232,626,389	
3842,493,864			5676,718,996
Fixed Assets			
205,326,144	1. Bank Premises & other Real Estate (at cost or revaluation)	315,634,755	
27,322,451	2. Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment (Less Depreciation)	35,832,711	
232,648,595			351,467,466
Other Assets			
104,002,565	1. Customers Liabilities for Outstanding Acceptances	164,897,314	
207,252,061	2. Other Assets	189,795,761	
311,254,626			354,693,075
15378,545,886	Sub - Total		20994,790,335
Contra Accounts			
Customers Liabilities under Guarantees, Letters of Credit & other Obligations			
10922,157,593			12453,355,899
26300,703,479	Grand total		33448,146,234

Auditors Report

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and the annexed Profit & Loss Account with the books and documents relating thereto of the Head Office and Branches of the NATIONAL COMMERCIAL BANK (PARTNERSHIP COMPANY) visited by us, and with the returns submitted by the managers of the other Branches, and certify to be in accordance therewith.

Auditor's Report

ended on that date in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and as shown by the books.

*Issa El-Ayouty & Co., Accountants & Auditors
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Jeddah 4th P.O. Box 1200 2nd March, 1979*

Expenses

Year 1397		
S.Rs.		S.Rs.
90,532,450	Salaries and other staff expenses	129
	Directors Fees, Remunerations, etc	
81,903,910	Service Charges	140
	Provisions for Depreciation ...etc.	
3,672,831	a) Depreciation on Building,	
23,500,000	Furniture etc.	5,648,510
	b) Other Provisions	45,500,000
27,172,831		51,
36,097,259	Other Expenses	50,
322,609,530	Net profit for the year	300,
	Of which:	
	a) Transfer to Reserve	220,000,000
	b) Balance carried to Balance Sheet	80,596,883
558,315,980		672

Income

Income			
S.Rls.	Year 1397	S.Rls.	S.Rls.
129,711,755			
140,486,143	546,344,237	Net Income from Foreign Exchange Transactions and other Services	658,709,636
	11,856,693	Net Income from Investments and Real Estate	13,386,954
	115,050	Profit on Sales of Real Estate	
	558,315,980	Total Income	<hr/> 672,096,590
51,148,510			
50,153,299			
300,596,883			
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	558,315,980		

League Cup final

Forest puts down Southampton, 3-2

LONDON, March 18 (AP) — Two goals from Gary Birtles and another from Tony Woodcock enabled Nottingham Forest to defeat Southampton, 3-2, at Wembley Saturday and retain the English League cup.

Southampton set the 100,000 crowd alight when David Peach netted after 15 minutes, but Forest hit back in champion style with goals from Birtles (50 and 77 minutes) and Woodcock (83). Nick Holmes netted a consolation goal for courageous Southampton three minutes from full time. The League program was wrecked by icy weather and only 14 English League matches took place.

The top three clubs in the First Division were inactive, but fourth-placed Arsenal failed to benefit. The London club lost, 2-0, at Ipswich — a sad homecoming for expensive midfield player Brian Talbot.

John Wark gave Ipswich a first-half lead and Graham Rix scored a second-half own goal. Before the match fighting fans

spilled onto the pitch and 27 arrests were made.

Chelsea moved closer to relegation when beaten 3-1 at home to West London neighbor Queen's Park Rangers. Paul Goddard, Glenn Roeder and Martyn Busby scored for Rangers with a Don Shanks own goal providing Chelsea's only score.

Frank Worthington scored his 17th goal of the season as Bolton drew, 2-2, at Coventry, while Bristol City ended a five-match losing run by drawing, 1-1, with Mid-derbrough.

Two players were sent off and five booked in the Second Division promotion match between Brighton and Sheffield United at the Goldstone Ground. Mark Lawrence and Gerry Ryan scored second-half goals that gave Brighton a 2-0 victory.

In Scotland, Dundee United maintained its bid for the Premier Division title with a useful 2-0 win at Aberdeen, but Rangers remained only three points away after beating Partick Thistle by the same margin.

British football results

LONDON, March 18 (AP) — Results of English and Scots soccer matches played Saturday afternoon:

English League Cup Final

Forest 3 Southampton 2

Division One

Division Two	
Brighton	2
Charlton	1
Orient	3
Fulham	0

Division Three	
Carlisle	1
Plymouth	1
Shrewsbury	0
Colchester	1

Division Four	
Bristol City	1
Chelsea	1
QPR	3
Coventry	2
Ipswich	2
Arsenal	0
Tottenham	0
Norwich	0

Favored Oxford captures Boat Race for 4th year

LONDON, March 18 (AP) — Oxford defeated Cambridge by 3 1-2 lengths Saturday to win the 150th anniversary University Boat race.

Oxford — strong pre-race favorite — equalled its record of four successive victories.

The race, over 4 1-2 miles of the Thames between Putney and Mortlake, was first raced in 1829 and Cambridge has won 68 of the 125 clashes to Oxford's 56.

Oxford made a rousing start to this annual rowing event for the two eights and led by a length after one minute.

Oxford increased this lead throughout the race and Cambridge — hit by the withdrawal of stroke John Woodhouse shortly before the race — seldom looked like overtaking the winner.

Oxford's time was 20 minutes 32 seconds. 12 seconds faster than Cambridge, but a slow time for the ideal wind and water conditions.

Argentines go ahead

American pair clinches Davis Cup playoff

CLEVELAND, Ohio, March 18 (AP) — The powerful U.S. Davis Cup doubles team of Peter Fleming and John McEnroe defeated Colombia's Ivan Molina and Orlando Agudelo, 6-4, 6-0, 6-4 Saturday to clinch the North American Zone finals for the United States.

The doubles victory came on top of Friday's singles sweep by McEnroe and Dick Stockton to give the U.S. Davis Cuppers 3-0 edge in the best-of-five series. The Meet concludes Sunday with two singles matches.

At the same time in Buenos Aires, Guillermo Vilas and Jose Luis Clerc scored a 6-2, 6-2, 6-6 doubles victory Saturday to give Argentina a 2-1 lead over Chile in

American wins skating crown

4th PLACE: Charles Tieckens, the highest U.S. finisher for the men's title this week

VIENNA, March 18 (AP) — Linda Fratianne of the United States regained the world women's figure skating title Saturday night, edging Anett Poetsch of West Germany, the defending champion into second place.



FRENCH PACK: Scrumhalf Jerome Gallon moves out the ball as Yves Malquier, Gerard Cholley, Jean-Luc Juinel and Robert Pa prembois of the French pack look on during training for Saturday's game with Scotland.

Wales crushes England, wins Triple Crown

CARDIFF, March 18 (R) — Wales beat the European champions, 18-17, in the Triple Crown final Saturday, ending a 10-year wait over England, 2-3. Wales, which took second place with a magnificent last drive to defeat Scotland, 21-17, in Paris.

The Welsh, winning the title outright for the 21st time, led 7-3 at halftime and then overran England in the final 18 minutes with tries by Mike Roberts, Paul Ringer, J. J. Williams and Elgin Rees. Allan Matin and Steve Fenwick added conversions.

Gareth Davies, with a drop goal, and David Richards, with a try, scored Wales' first-half points. Neil Bennett responded with a penalty for England.

The only sour note on a memorable afternoon for Welsh rugby was an injury to J.P.R. Williams, playing in his 52nd and last game for Wales. Williams, the Welsh captain, limped off midway through the second-half to be replaced by Clive Griffiths.

Wales finished off the championship table with six points, to retain the Triple crown. France was one point behind.

France kept the upper hand in an exciting, high-scoring match which saw both teams building up copy-book attacks with the ball moving clearly out along the Welshman's lines.

The Welsh team had most of the ball in the first half, with the exception of a try by Aguirre.

Winger Keith Robertson leveled the score for Scotland in the 18th minute, but France's Roger Aguirre made it 10-4 with a penalty and a drop goal.

But Scotland fought doggedly and pulled up to make the half-time score 10-10 when Gordon Dickson scored a try and full-back Andy Irvine converted.

Only minutes into the second half Irvine gave Scotland the lead

1 month more—Ali

SYDNEY, March 18 (R) — Muhammad Ali told drenched fans at the Sydney Sports Ground Sunday that he would retire as world heavyweight boxing champion in one month.

Speaking after lifeless exhibition bouts against American Jimmy Ellis and Britain's Joe Bugner, Ali apologized to the crowd for not giving his best saying that he was giving his best saying that he was 20 pounds overweight and ready for retirement.

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Petrochemicals to replace fuel as major crude use

MEXICO CITY, March 18 (AP) — U.N. experts predict that crude oil and natural gas will be used more for making petrochemicals and less as fuels in the future.

The rising world price of crude oil "is a blessing because it will stimulate research into alternate forms of energy and save the raw petrochemicals," said Dr. Muhammad El Halfawy of Egypt, one of 250 experts from 80 countries who attended a March 11-17 meeting on the petrochemical industry.

"Higher oil prices will not affect petrochemical production. Petrochemicals are ten times as valuable as the refined petroleum energy products," he said.

A report approved at the close of the conference, sponsored by the U.N. Industrial Development

Organization (UNIDO), predicted there will be no shortage of crude oil and natural gas so long as producing and consuming nations get together and cooperate in balancing supply and demand.

However, it warned that severe shortages will occur if the big industrialized nations do not cooperate "in reducing high energy consumption levels and in finding oil substitutes wherever possible."

Mexico is becoming a leading producer of petrochemical and natural gas but the country is sharply limiting production and exports of crude oil and developing a huge petrochemical industry instead.

The petrochemical industry converts natural gas and crude oil into a number of synthetic materials.

als, especially plastics, that have large worldwide use.

Approximately 4.5 per cent of the crude oil produced at present throughout the world is being used in making petrochemicals. But the U.N. report said the percentage will go up to ten by 1985 and keep growing at a huge rate until the turn of the century.

Dr. Halfawy predicted that developing nations, which produce the bulk of the petroleum now used as fuel by industrialized countries, will expand their petrochemical industries, despite efforts that he and other experts claim are being made by multinational corporations to resist that.

"Western nations must realize that oil producing nations are going to set up petrochemical plants. It is their legitimate right. It is their raw material," he said. Currently, only nine per cent of the petrochemical industries are located in the developing nations.

Dr. Halfawy said the petrochemical industry worldwide has reached maturity and "will no longer show the rapid growth rates of the late 1960s and early 1970s when it was expanding at 10 to 12 per cent a year."

"There will be growth rates of five to six per cent a year," he said.



LOTS OF PULL: An American firm recently unveiled what it calls the most powerful tractor in the world. The monster machine, dubbed "Big Bad 747," weighs 95,000 pounds and has a 760 horsepower, 16 cylinder engine.

Food up 30 per cent

New price hikes attack Israel

TEL AVIV, March 18 (AP) — Israel's sizzling inflation rate, which cooled slightly last month, threatened to leap upward again this month.

On a 1976 base of 100, the index reached 265.3 points. The index is not seasonally adjusted.

By cutting subsidies to food producers, the government forced up the prices of eggs, bread, cooking oil and dairy products by about 30 per cent. Economists calculated that the hikes would raise the overall consumer price index by 1.7 per cent.

After the index rose 48.1 per

cent in 1978 and another 5.1 per cent in January, February's inflation rate dipped to 2.4 per cent.

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The February figure did not include steep price rises late last month averaging 40 per cent, which set off a new round of hikes for electricity, water and manufactured goods.

The government hopes to hold inflation to 40 per cent this year, but many bankers and economists are skeptical the goal can be

achieved.

The food subsidy reduction was the first in a series of cuts planned by the finance ministry to save millions of dollars in the national budget and gradually raise consumer prices.

The giant Histadrut Labor Federation, already threatening a nationwide strike to protest what it claims is an ineffective government anti-inflation policy, held an emergency meeting to discuss the price hikes.

A liter of milk now costs 25 cents instead of 19 cents, and a loaf of bread 12 cents instead of nine cents. The price of a 580-gram (20-ounce) jar of cooking oil went up from 30 cents 40 cents.

In addition to saving nearly \$100 million in subsidies, the government hopes the cuts will help it absorb additional funds from the public in its fight against inflation.

U.K. oil sector seen attractive investment

LONDON, March 18 — This week, the oil sector again offers some of the most attractive investment opportunities in the U.K. market.

BP and Tricentrol both reported their preliminary 1978 figures at the end of last week.

BP's full year results combined excellent Standard Oil of Ohio earnings with evidence of a significant improvement in the profitability of European downstream operations. Exchange losses were again in evidence, but the slowing in the decline of the dollar again offset during the fourth quarter reduced these considerably to the £4.3 million loss of the previous period.

The heavy current losses of the third quarter acted to mask some moderately favourable underlying trends — an improvement of £8 million in basic earnings. Aided by firmer pricing in crude and refined products markets, these trends accelerated during the fourth quarter to the extent that earnings for that period were the highest for the year.

This improvement was achieved despite the fact the Iraq-induced market tightness did not really become a factor until mid-November. It seems reasonable to expect BP's operating earnings for the first quarter will show another substantial improvement.

In connection with the abandonment of the Fawley crude pipeline announced a few days ago, Sohio will take a charge of over £50 million against 1979 income. This is of less importance for the amount involved than for the implication that escalation of Alaskan production to 2m b/d now seems a long term prospect.

Iran-related crude shortfalls will probably not suddenly throw Americans into a state of enlightenment in which exports of Alaska crude to Japan will be decriminalized.

BP could report 1979 earnings over £700 million.

We are raising our EPS estimate to 180p, and continuing to recommend purchase.

Tricentrol has again altered its Thistle depletion rate, this time because of a reduction in reserve estimates, and 1978 pre-tax earnings consequently fell short of most expectations. 1979 to 1980 production, however, should not be reduced substantially, and earnings still stand to benefit considerably from stronger pricing.

Investors in Tricentrol have had to endure a number of disappointments in the Thistle Field during recent months, initially on production levels and now on reserve estimates.

While more of the same must remain a possibility, two major positive aspects still apply to Tricentrol — the direct exposure of a major portion of the company's income to the sharp escalation in North Sea oil prices, and the relative uniqueness, in the context of the U.K. market, of a 'play' of this type in a share of reasonable size. Despite the tribulations, we believe purchase of Tricentrol will prove rewarding on a six to nine month view.

(Supplied by Rowe, Rudd and Co.)

Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

Directorate General of Municipal and Rural Affairs, Western Province

Constructing of a medium-sized municipal building, a small garage and storeroom, gate and fencing in the Municipality of al-Mindaq

1500 April 14

Vegetable and meat market of 12 shops in Al-Muwaileh village under Dubaa municipality

500 April 16

Vegetable and meat market of 12 shops in Al-Qoz village in Al-Qunfuzah

500 April 18

Vegetable and meat market of 12 shops in Umluj village under Raniah municipality

500 April 22

Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs

Constructing of five lavatories in N'oman village in Al-Dulum

103-98/99 400 May 8

Fencing of Abu Nakhla graveyard under Al-Rass municipality

26-97/98 150 May 19

Temporary asphalting of rural roads under Bish municipality

106-98/99 500 May 21



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2 NAWAN ISLAND	U.E.P.	MAIZE/RICE/		
5 IBN AL ABBAR	KANOO	CONTS	13.3.79	
8 POLYDORA	G.M.S.	GENERAL/CEMT	17.3.79	
10 KOTA MOLEK	GULF	GENERAL	16.3.79	
12 ADRIA STAR	GOSAIBI	LOADING UREA	17.3.79	
13 EVER LUCKY	GOSAIBI	GENERAL	15.3.79	
14 PATRICIA	ALIREZA	GENERAL/CONTNS	17.3.79	
17 LUCY	ALSAADA	GENERAL	16.3.79	
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19 NICHGAKU MARU	GOSAIBI	C. CEMENT IN -		
20 VARICA	S.A.I.T.E.	BAGS	13.3.79	
21 MENTOR (D.B.)	ALIREZA	BULK CEMENT	12.3.79	
22 BLACK FORD (2ND CALL) KANOO		LOADING EMPTY	18.3.79	
23 UNITED BOUNTY	ALQURAISHI	CONTNS	18.3.79	
28 JAL SEA FORTUNE	ORRI	CONTAINERS	17.3.79	
		MAIZERICE	14.3.79	
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EVPO ARAMIS	SOEASIA	C. CEMENT IN- BAGS	18.3.79	
ADRIA STAR	GOSAIBI	GENERAL/PIPES	17.3.79	
KOTA MOLEK	GULF	TO LOAD UREA	17.3.79	
UNITED BOUNTY	ALQURAISHI	CONTAINERS	17.3.79	
IBN AL ABBAR	KANOO	GENERAL/CEMENT	17.3.79	
PATRICIA	ALIREZA	GENERAL/CONTNS	17.3.79	
BARGE NO. 3	BARBER	TO LOAD CONTNS	17.3.79	
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STRATHDOON	KANOO			
PRESIDENT HARRISON	S.A.I.T.F.			
MERZARIO ASIA	A.E.T.			
HOJIN MARU	BARBER			
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FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Opening Sunday	SAMA rate	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.36	3.37	3.37
Pound Sterling	6.85	6.90	6.88
Deutsche Mark (100)	181.00	181.50	181.00
Swiss F (100)	200	201.25	200.55
French F (100)	79	78.90	78.60
Italian Lira (1000)	4.00	4.02	4.00
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	108.00	108.00
Syrian Lira (100)	—	79.50	86.75
Egyptian Pound	—	4.52	4.80
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.25	12.24
Jordanian Dinar	—	11.35	11.30
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	87.75	87.75
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	87.75	87.75
Bahraini Dinar	—	8.77	8.77
Iranian Riyal (100)	41.00	—	—
Iraqi Dinar	—	9.50	—
Yemeni Riyal (100)	—	74.00	74.00
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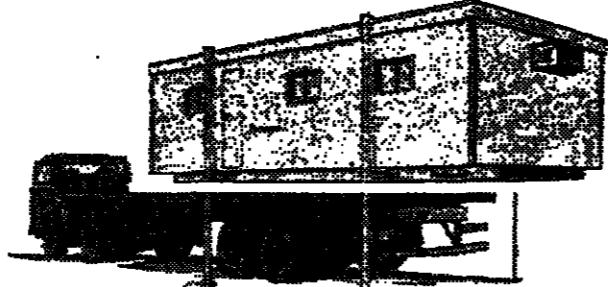
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International

Hanoi says it is prepared to hold talks with Peking

BANGKOK, March 18 (AP) — Vietnam Sunday accused China of being the "direct and dangerous enemy" of all Indochina, but the propaganda blast followed an announcement that Hanoi was ready for negotiations to settle a border dispute with China beginning Friday.

The official Communist Party newspaper "Nhan Dan" Sunday called Peking's leaders "professional liars" who claimed that their forces had withdrawn "while in fact they still maintain their troops in many areas of Vietnamese territory and close to the border ready for other acts of war against Vietnam."

It was unclear whether the statement meant that Vietnam was still accusing China of not having fully withdrawn its forces Sunday. The Voice of Vietnam said Vietnam proposed Saturday to hold vice foreign ministerial talks in

Hanoi on March 23. Hanoi had earlier said that negotiations could take place one week after all Chinese troops had left Vietnamese soil.

Vietnam proposed the frontier town of Lang Son as an alternative site for the talks. Hanoi has claimed that the town was virtually levelled by Chinese troops during the four-week war which began Feb. 17.

The "Nhan Dan" commentary also rejected a proposal by five non-communist Southeast Asian countries that fighting end in Indochina and all troops withdraw from foreign soil as "not conforming to reality." In an apparent reference to Thailand, the newspaper warned that certain of these countries should not repeat past mistakes.

The Soviet Union, a close ally of Vietnam, Friday vetoed a Security Council draft resolution that called for all parties involved in

Indochina conflicts to cease hostilities and withdraw their forces from other countries.

The resolution, sponsored by the five countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), was directed at the Chinese invasion of Vietnam and the Vietnamese invasion of Cambodia in December.

ASEAN includes Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and the Philippines.

"Nhan Dan" said the ASEAN proposal only "adds to the slanders of the Peking reactionaries and their supporters."

"Nhan Dan" warned : "It should be remembered that certain ASEAN countries supported the U.S. war of aggression in Indochina. We are prepared to forget this debt which was not little, and we want to look forward to the future."

"But these countries should not make another mistake. They should refrain from collaborating with the Chinese reactionaries and other imperialist forces against Vietnam, Laos and Kampuchea (Cambodia)."

Thailand was a major base for the American war effort against Communist forces in Indochina.

"The cause of the serious situation in Indochina at present is China's big-nation expansionism and hegemonism," "Nhan Dan" said. "The Peking reactionaries have made themselves direct and dangerous enemies of the three Indochinese people."

WATCH ON THE RHINE : Two armored police cars patrol through high water from the swollen Rhine, guarding against terrorists in the government district of Bonn recently. (AP photo).

Tanzanian paper says

Biggest Uganda battle fought

DAR ES SALAAM, March 18 (AP) — Tanzania's government-owned newspaper "Sunday News" has added fresh evidence of a bitter battle last week at the Ugandan town of Lukaya, by all accounts of biggest clash of the 4½-month-old Uganda-Tanzania war.

The paper said the coalition of Tanzanian and Ugandan exile

troops had captured Lukaya, about 80 kilometers south of Kampala on the main road from the southwest to the Ugandan capital in a "fierce, three-day battle."

It said 2,000 Ugandan troops fought at the town. Other reports said they were backed by Libyans and Palestinians. Tanzanian-exile strength has been put at up to

7,000 men.

Quoting informed sources, the paper said two of Uganda's battalions were "almost totally annihilated" and two top army commanders were killed. It said the "anti-Amin forces" "captured a lot of arms supplied to Amin recently," an evident reference to the Libyan shipments reported earlier this month.

The "News" said the Tanzanian and Ugandan exiles were consolidating their position at Lukaya.

The paper gave no estimate of casualties in the battle for the town.

On Saturday, Uganda radio reported that nearly 1,000 Tanzanian and Ugandan invaders were slain and tanks and heavy artillery captured.

Ugandan exiles in Nairobi claimed last week that "hundreds" of Ugandans, Libyans and Palestinians were killed.

There was no way to verify the casualty figures, and the various reports reaching Nairobi or Dar es Salaam also conflicted on the duration, location and scope of the Lukaya clash.

But by all accounts the battle was the biggest and the casualties were the highest to date in the conflict.

Good Morning
The Family Pet, Part

By Jihad Al-Khazen

When I wrote sometime ago the story of our black cat who had to leave behind in Jeddah and the after ego we bought a little daughter in London, I received many letters from v. readers in Riyadh who thought that I had exaggerated the fact. However I can assure my readers that everything I said was truly true, especially with regard to the pedigree and the family's trophies of the cat and its relatives, the diet and even the What I wrote was only a fragment of the story.

After I brought the cat home, I was visited by the lady who has it to me. She made a big fuss because she found that I purchased a suitable bed for the pet, only conventional straw with a pillow in it, and that I did not follow the prescribed scrupulously. She reprimanded me and promised that she would back soon.

I carried out his instructions minutely like a soldier on the e military parade, hoping that the next time she comes, she would have a single complaint.

She did. The next time she showed up, she went mad because cat had taken ill and no one had taken it to a vet.

"And how do you know that it is ill?" I asked.

"Because of its nose. Can't you see?" he said.

She was dismasted at the depths of my ignorance.

I tried to persuade her that I could sustain a 24-hour dialogue

her on the Middle East and the Palestinian problem; but she gave a damn about politics. The essential thing for her was

she should know how to deal with cats.

I took the cat to the vet and he gave it antibiotics, exact human beings.

At the next inspection visit, I tried to persuade her that something should be done to prevent this cat from tearing my curtain furniture, since English cats cannot be thrown in the streets, tested that its claws be removed. She protested that would be the cat of a natural right, that of self-defense.

But when I insisted, she finally said that she knew a good doctor who could carry out the operation for £65. According to calculation, this amounted to 350 Lebanese Liras, a very high a Lebanon for a human. I protested and she left, the house even

the cat would need whole volumes. So, to be brief, she back to ask that I find a suitable bride for the cat. I said that it do that for itself. Again she talked about cruelty and injuries finally had the cat altered.

When I calculated the amount I spent on the pet in one including food, treatment, surgery, etc., I discovered that it more than what I myself had cost my family during my second certificate in Lebanon in 1960.

But, of course, I wasn't a knight or a lord.

Translated from "Ashraq Al-Awsat".

Prince of Wales lands marlin just under record

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Hungary chief in Kuwait said to want total peace

KUWAIT, March 18 (AP) — Hungarian Prime Minister Gyorgyi Lazar conferred with Kuwait Ruler Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, and the crown prince and prime minister, Sheikh Saad Al-Abdullah Al-Sabah, Sunday, on the second day of his three-day visit.

Kuwaiti sources said Lazar reiterated his public support for a

comprehensive Middle East settlement that would safeguard the rights of the Palestinian people to their state.

Lazar added that such a settlement should be worked out during a Geneva-style conference, to be attended by all the interested parties, including the Palestinians, the United States and the Soviet Union.

From page one

Khomeini

Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Court, and docketed orders of Khomeini that summary trials and executions of former regime officials in the country must cease, pending establishment of new legal guidelines.

Iran's Ministry of Information, meanwhile, announced Saturday that restrictions imposed Thursday on television news film and news photographs of foreign journalists have been scrapped by the Bahar government.

General Hadavi, in an announcement carried in the local press, said local revolutionary committees in Iran now needed special permission from his office in Tehran before they could search private premises, a change from the past when gunmen often arbitrarily entered and searched homes on the pretext of seeking out counter-revolutionaries.

Earlier Sunday, assistant Prime Minister Amir Entezam said that most of Iran's helicopters and American-built planes are inoperable.

Entezam told a press conference that 95 per cent of the country's huge military helicopter fleet was out of action.

He said the bulk of the air force, including some of the world's most

sophisticated fighter planes bought by the Shah for billions of dollars was at present "a useless heap of scrap metal."

In a separate development, militia guards fired into the air Sunday to drive back prisoners attempting to escape from their former Savak secret police jail in central Tehran.

The prisoners started a riot during which they set fire to the prison kitchen and started forcing their way out of the kitchen window.

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excludes permanent members of the United Nations Security Council from providing troops to the U.N. force to police the pact.

It also says Egypt and Israel will accept American suggestions for the composition of the U.N. contingent if they cannot reach agreement on their own.

The explanatory note to article five, dealing with navigation and flying rights, underlines both sides' rights to sail in and fly over the Strait of Hormuz and the Gulf of Aqaba.

The explanatory note to article six, which gives the treaty precedence over other pacts, states the treaty does not override other

prisoners attacked the militia guards who surrounded the prison and attempted to grab their weapons, local newspapers reported. The militia responded by firing in the air.

It took almost two hours before the riot was brought under control.

In another development reported by the local press three young Iranian farmers were reported killed when one of them stepped on a landmine near the Iraq border.

Sanaa

treaties. But it then goes on to state other treaties do not override the Egyptian-Israeli treaty.

Egypt had objected to the precedence clause in article six. The explanatory note appeared to give the Egyptian-Israeli treaty and Egypt's defense pact with other Arab countries equal value.

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counterpart Lt. Col. Saleh Abu Bakr.

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